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What More In 1944 ? By Paul D. Emmons

Well, by the time you read these lines the greatest political dogfight in history will be all over—maybe. And when I say maybe I mean that if it is a photo finish the result may turn on the soldier vote of Pennsylvania with its 36 electoral votes, and that soldier vote won't be counted until November 22nd.

So far as the campaign itself is concerned I, for one, am glad that it is over. According to the fighting Irish a row is surely good and wa the cockles of the heart, but at the same time enough is enough, and so far as the campaign goes we've had enough of this political blather and baloney.

Specious promises and mud slinging seem to be inseparable from any political campaign. They call for the exercise of a sound discretion on the part of the individual voter. This is a government of laws and not of men. Those laws are based on certain fundamental principles which insure the preservation of the republic if they are kept inviolate. If they are not so kept—then the result is going to be confusion and ultimate chaos.

The greatest of these fundamental principles is freedom of the individual. In this country it is commonly accepted that every citizen has a right to do and say what he pleases so long as he doesn't injure other people's rights. The individual is supreme. Government only exists to promote his own well being and convenience.

Right there the great question arises—where shall we draw the line? Grover Cleveland, a solid Democrat if there was one, drew it quite sharply when he declared, "The people support the government. But most emphatically the government does not support the people."

That was rugged individualism at its peak. But there is no denying the fact that of late years the trend has been the other way. More and more people are looking to their government to support them. And therein lies the danger. For this attitude of mind provides a fertile field for bunco-steering politicians who will blandly promise everybody on earth a pot of gold around the next election for their votes.

If the government is going to support th epeople, then the people will have to support the bureaucrats. They're the boys who will hold the positions of well paid profit. Everything, business administration included, will be thrown into the field of politics. We'll have one continual political dog fight on our hands, and if that won't be a soulsored mess then I'm one kind of a sucker and you're another.

Free enterprise will eventually go by the board. So will state rights. Net result—a top-heavy totalitarian state with all power and authority concentrated in Washington. That's been the trend for th epast 12 years under the so-called "Democrats." A few years more of the same and it will be all over. And the American people will only have themselves to blame for it.

I'm not saying this in any spirit of carping criticism, but merely by way of a warning. Americans are fundamentally idealists—the finest people on God's earth. But their idealism and wishful thinking—their inalienable and God-given yearning for an Utopia where everybody will be prosperous and happy-sometimes makes them disregard realities.

As I have remarked before, there is nothing perfect on this earth and you don't get something for nothing. It all has to be paid for, by somebody, somewhere, and at some time. We have the best government on the face of the earth, but even so there are certain inequalities and injustices it never has been able to prevent, and never will. They are too deeply ingrained in human nature.

Take for instance, the matter of lynching. No right minded person approves of it. And the Democratic candidate for Vice President came out with a statement during the campaign to the effect that he favored a Federal law against it. But that was simply a specious appeal for the colored vote, for such a law would be clearly unconstitutional.

Lynching is merely a form of murder. All states have laws against murder on their statute books and it is up to the local authorities to enforce them. Congress has no jurisdiction in the matter, and for the long arm of government to reach out from Washington and mix into the enforcement of local police laws would simply make for utter confusion, and undermine the Constitution.

Yet that is the trend which politicians and bureaucrats are herding us into. The great trouble is, that things are getting so confused in this confused world that it is hard for the average voter to call the turn. But if he allows one political clique or any one man to establish a monopoly of power then it's goodbye America and goodbye to the freedom of th eindividual.

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WOMEN'S CLUB HOLDS REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Wilmington Women's Club was held on Thursday afternoon, November 2nd. in the vestry of the Methodist Church. At 1:30 a dessert luncheon was served by a committee headed by Mrs. John Joyce. After the business meeting, the president, Mrs. William Carver introduced Mrs. Julia D. Pinto, who displayed a collection of buttons, and gave an interesting talk concerning them.

A. L. AUXILIARY HOLDS WHIST PARTY

A whist party was sponsored on Wednesday evening, November 1st, by the American Legion Auxiliary, in Legion Hall. The special prize was won by Mrs. Theresa Doucette, while winners at whist were: Lydia Richards, Mrs. Ivy Lienhard, Mrs. Elizabeth Kelley, Mrs. Mary Fitzgerald, Mrs. John Joyce, Mrs. Susan T. Ealer, Mrs. Adeline Cochrane, Mrs. James Rothwell, Mrs. Theresa Doucette and Mrs. Theresa Keefe. The party was in charge of the Executive Committee, and was for the benefit of the hospital fund. The proceeds will be used to entertain veterans in the closed wards at the Bedford Hospital.

JUDGE NORTHROP ADDRESSES LOCAL POLICE GROUP

Presiding Justice Pierre Northrup, of the Concord District court, was guest speaker at the meeting of the Wilmington Police Association at the station on November 2nd. He spoke on the duties of a police officer and also cited some interesting cases of violations. He gave a brief outline of some important duties that a police officer has to perform. He also gave 12 rules of police conduct that were as follows:

Be discreet, do not discuss your police activities with your family, neighbors or friends—an innocent man's reputation may be ruined or a criminal's apprehension prevented, be courteous but firm—never abusive—you can be both a police officer and a gentleman. Never argue with an offender about his offense. Remember that crime prevention is most important.

Use discretion in determining what action to take. Remember that a warning for minor violations may be more effective than criminal prosecution; never arrest for minor offenses unless to prevent a continuous offense; never make an offender feel under obligation for your decision not to prosecute; be fearless and impartial—remember laws were made for everyone, high and low, rich and poor—the public will back you up and the offender himself will respect you more. Remember that a criminal under arrest has rights—see that they are protected. Never advise a defendant how to plead or promise leniency, never color or characterize your testimony in court. Never brag about the cases you won.

Chief Harry J Ainsworth thanked the judge fir visiting the meeting, which was well attended by members of the board of selectmen, fire department and towns-people. Refreshments were served in charge of Simon Cutter and John Hartnett.

Woburn Legion To Have Minstrel Show

Plans are now completed for the mammoth Minstrel Show to be held by the Woburn Post American Legion, on Mon. eve., Nov. 13th, and Tuesday evening, November 14th, in the Woburn High School auditorium. There will be many special features, including the largest chorus ever held in Woburn, which has been trained for many months. Popular songs, both modern and old-time, dances, and end-men jokes and songs, will make the show one of great enjoyment for those attending.

The Minstrel Show committees are as follows:

Director, John Beatty, Woburn; Pianist, Mary Hutchinson, Hennessey's Orchestra of seven pieces. General hairman, Hugh E. Marshall. Ticket Committee, George Flinn, Past Commander, LeRoy Maguire, John J. Doherty, Raymond Waldron, Elmer Caswell, John E. O'Doherty; Publicity, Mike J. Curran, Chairman, Leo McKinnon, James P. Doherty. Checking Committee, John P. Grimes, Harry Johnson, Art Moore.

The Special Members Committee includes John O'Doherty, Elmer Caswell, Hubert Nichols, Frank Ralphs, Willis Pollais, Albert White, Harold Whittemore, and Michael J. Kane.

Program Committee: Eggar Boyle, John F Doland, Maurice R. Greene, Constantine O'Doherty, Edward T Kenney. John Hodges. Costumes John J. Beatty, John Parker, Hugh J O'Doherty. Dance Committee: John Albert, George E. Veno, Carl Lentz, John Grimes, John Murray, Harry Johnson. Candy: Jo Peel, George W. Vene, Angus MacDonald, Vernon Robertson.

SELLING OF BOOK TALKS TO START NOV. 15

Mrs. Thomas A. Ruddick, well-known for her Book Talks in this community, will give a series of such Book Talks for members and friends of the Women's Republican Club of Massachusetts on Monday morning, November 13, at 11:00 o'clock, in the club's ball room. Miss Margaret L. Dunn, a member of the Club's Board of Governors and chairman of the Ruddick Course is being assisted by a committee composed of: Mrs. W A. Irving of Peabody, Mrs. Arthur Howland of Cambridge, Miss Gertrude L. Boynton, Dorchester, Mrs Charis Farrar Brookline.

Miss Ellen J Cox, Cambridge and Mrs. John T. Slade, Hingham. This committee is looking forward to a very successful series for which a large number of reservations have come in.

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SHOW TO BE HELD

MONDAY, NOV. 13 and TUESDAY, NOV. 14

Pfc. Catherine Esler Sends News of WACs

Following are excerpts from the weekly paper of the First Detachments of W.A.C. (Somewhere in New Guinea) of which Pfc. Catherine Esler, of Mason st. is a member.

"This can't last forever", you keep telling yourself. Someday the actualities of New Guinea's charm and harm will become vague reminiscences used for conversation fillers. Uniforms will be something to wrap around mothballs. Leaving and nets will rest in the bottom of attic trunks. But even then every tangible vestige of the Island is removed, you'll still by able to pick out a Guinea Gal.

If you're in a store and see someone bartering for a book with a gallon of kerosene, a piece of calico and two cans—there's your Guinea Gal. If you're in a restaurant—and someone dashes madly around comparing food and trying to exchange rules cake for a slice of bread—there's another Guinea Gal.

You'll see her in a movie line; third from the end and carrying a blanket. You'll notice her coming home from market, a bunch of green bananas in one arm and a pineapple in the other. When you see her in the shoe store, you'll have to smile. She'll be shaking out each shoe and peeking inside before stepping into it.

She drinks her pop warm. Her favorite clothes are green. As for pet phrases here is, "You never had it so good". When an aeroplane flies over and doesn't hum, a look of disappointment clouds her face. Before any stranger can ask, she quickly says, "I'm from Podunk, Arizona"—she's still a Guinea Gal.

But there's one time you'll really love her. It's in a quiet dining room, a gay lounge or an intermission in a show. Some sweet young thing will be oozing to a masterful tall and dark, "Tell me all about your experiences in New Guinea during the war. Before birthing his tale, he'll glance around cautiously, catch a winking eye, hear a whispered, "I was there", and decide to tell her all about Guinea Gal. Then when they're alone, he knows that there's a New Guinea Gal.

The best wishes of this community and of the whole country goes to those New Guinea (and to all other) gals, who are giving so much as Ambassadors of good will, to all lands.

MISS DEC BRIDE

At St. Thomas Church on Sunday, afternoon, November 5th, Miss Eleanor Dec, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Dec, of 198 Salem street, North Wilmington, became the bride of Louis Picasso, son of Mr and Mrs. Alkins Picasso, of West London street, Lowell. The ceremony was performed at four o'clock by the Rev. Francis S. Strykowski. Selections were played on the organ by Mrs. Edward Shelley. The bride was given in marriage by her father. Her attendants were Miss Katherine Malloy, nurse at Tewksbury State Hospital, as maid of honor, and Miss Martha Mclarvice, of Cambridge, niece of the bride, as bridesmaid. Miss Beatrice Rose, niece of the bride, was ring bearer. James Marshall, of San Antonio, Texas, was best man, and Chester Koslowski was usher at the church.

The bride wore a white rayon, with bodice of tulle and satin lace. Her long veil was attached to a tiara of seed pearls. She carried a shower bouquet of white roses and baby's breath. The maid of honor wore a pink gown and the bridesmaid, yellow, and both carried old-fashioned bouquets. The ring bearer wore a pink gown. Following the ceremony a reception was held at the home of th ebride's parents. Gifts to the attendants were gold crosses to the girls and wallets to the boys.

The bride is a graduate of the local high school and is a nurse at the Tewksbury State Hospital. The bridegroom was educated in the Lowell schools and is employed as a male attendant at the Tewksbury State Hospital. The couple left on a wedding trip to New York and the bride's going away outfit was a blue woolen dress, fur coat, and hat.

CHURCH BAZAAR A SUCCESS

The United Nations Bazaar of the Congregational church opened on Wednesday, November 1, with a luncheon at 12:30 in charge of Mrs. Blanche Taylor. She was assisted by members of the South Branch. Movies under the direction of the children in Miss Ashchribd the children in the afternoon. On Thursday the bazaar opened at two p.m., and a supper was served at 6:30. with Mrs. Louis Grossman in charge with members of the next branch assisting her. An entertainment followed the supper. The Reading Choral Society presented a program of old American songs. There were two changes of costumes, showing the quaint styles of long ago and the more recent dresses and picture hats of the Gay Nineties. A reader in costume gave appropriate selections to accompany the musical program. Each branch had a booth with fancy work and other useful articles for sale. There was cooked food, candy, ice cream, tonic and grabs for the children.

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Largest Vote In Town's History Recorded

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The vote in this town was the largest on record, with 3046 registered. In 1940, the vote was 2,020, and there are now 2,806 on the voting list. There were 180 soldier absentee ballots, 20 civilian ballots and eight federal ballots counted after the polls were closed at eight o'clock. A long line formed at five o'clock and the ballots and officials were kept on the jump until chairman Charles H. Black, of the Board of Selectmen, closed the polls. Check slips were given to those who were in line when the polls were declared closed, allowing them to vote. Many extra tellers were appointed to handle the large vote.

The counting was finished at one o'clock Wednesday morning. President Roosevelt lost to Gov. Dewey by 267 votes, the vote being Dewey 1,156 and Roosevelt 889. Lieut. Gov. Cahill 1,067, Tobin 979.

The final results as announced by Town Clerk, are as follows:

PRESIDENT —Dewey,. (R) 1156; Roosevelt (D) 889.

GOVERNOR—Cahill (R), 1067; Tobin, (D), 979.

LIEUT GOVERNOR — Bradford (R) 1229 Carr (D) 813.

SECRETARY — Cook (R) 1249; O'Riordan (D) 540.

TREASURER—Burrell (R) 1047; Hurley (D), 816.

AUDITOR — Buckley (D) 778; Goodwin (R) 1082.

ATTORNEY GENERAL —Barnes (R) 1126; Kelley (D) 720.

SENATOR IN CONGRESS—Corcoran (D) 813; Saltonstall (R) 1414.

CONGRESS 5th DIST — Rogers (R) 1561; Wesson (D) 367.

COUNCILOR 8th DIST — Curley (D) 718; Friend (R) 1139.

SENATOR 7th DIST. — Coolidge (R) 1638.

REPRESENTATIVE 18th Dist. — Dickie (R) 1226; Peterson (D) 1348.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS — Andrew (R) 1102; Bowditch (R) 937; Brennan (D) 864; Watson (D) 936.

SHERIFF—McElroy (D-R) 1868.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER (Vacancy)—Rogers (R) 1475.

REFERENDA

1—INITIATIVE PETITIONS — Yes, 897; No, 133.

2—PARDONS—Yes, 694; No, 376.

3—ANNUAL SESSIONS — Yes, 699; No. 367.

4—ABSENTEE VOTES—Yes, 879; No, 172.

5—GAMES OF CHANCE — Yes, 964; No. 388.

6—LIQUOR—All—Yes, 1007; No 368.

BEER, WINE—Yes, 1010; No, 368.

PKG. STORES—Yes, 1166; No. 207.

Henry J. Bradley Jr. Tells Of Narrow Call

Henry J. Bradley, Jr., fireman second class, U. S. Coast Guard, of P. O. Box 364, Wilmington, has returned to the United States from two French invasions where the Coast Guard-manned transport aboard which he served was under constant enemy attacks for a total of 26 days. He landed on "General Quarrels" on D-Day for 28 hours without letup—20 hours standing at his gun and without sleep.

Bradley, a member of a 23-millimeter gun crew under Lieutenant Commander Thomas Chynoweth, made the invasion of both Normandy and Southern France. In Normandy, he said, the German bombers came over at midnight like clockwork and stayed four hours. At all other times he explained, it was light enough to shoot them down. "But in Southern France", he said indignantly, "They came over any time they felt like it."

During night hours a plane would circle the entire task force, dropping clusters of 40 to 50 flares at intervals until it was light as broad daylight. "Then they'd let us have it". One bomb dropped so close to his ship (50 yards) that his gun crew was drenched by the resulting splash, which did no damage other than putting out the lights in the engine room.

Bradley is now stationed at a Coast Guard shore unit in Portsmouth, Virginia.

WILMINGTON MAN CITED

Pfc. Armando J. DiPietro, of Wilmington, was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation for gallantry in action in the South Pacific, at a special ceremony held Saturday in Boston. Major General Sherman Miles, commanding general of the First Service Command, made the presentation.

—David L. Martin of Boutwell Street, confined in the Soldiers' Home in Chelsea, following an operation on Friday.

—Mrs. Jennie Scalzo of Nichols street, is a patient at the Lowell General Hospital.

—Miss Jean Dalaimo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Dalaimo, returned to her home, Friday, October 27th from the Choate Memorial Hospital in Woburn, where she was confined following an operation for appendicitis.

—John Goff, aged 12, was taken to the Winchester Hospital on Thursday last in the ambulance.

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Political Parade

BIENNIAL SESSIONS TO BE FIGHT OF THE YEAR AMONG REFERENDA VOTES

Massachusetts businessmen, idealists who demand perfection in government, and who want to save a dollar on their annual expenses, are still pressing for retention of biennial sessions of the Massachusetts legislature—and therein creating a paradox.

It is regretted that the lovable team of Gilbert and Sullivan is not on hand to burlesque the position of these well-meaning and civic minded Bay Staters who from one side of the mouth condemn and blaspheme bureaucracy in Washington while from the other corner advocate it for Massachusetts.

The sponsors, supporters and friends of biennial sessions in Massachusetts are the same men and women who denounce in vigorous and sometimes unparliamentary phrases the bureaucratic set-up maintained in the national capital.

Nationally, these people want government of the people. A government under which policies are established by elected delegates of the citizenry—not by officials appointed to a successful political candidate.

And—these same people rinse merry Ned when they read that Congress is going to take a recess, lifting another glass of scotch and soda with the pronouncement that they are elected to do a job and shouldn't run out on the people.

Also, the same people protest federal encroachment on the accepted rights of state to provide self-government.

So much for what these people believe in as far as the administration of national government in concerned and let's compare it with what they stand for in state government.

While generally for fewer present recesses of Congress, the same advocates of full time service by elected officials don't even want the Massachusetts legislature to bother coming to work every year.

Confronted with a resentment against federal invasion of state's rights these same defenders of home rule cannot stand having the state legislature around each year to make the state strong to ward off federal encroachment.

Recently, sponsors of biennial sessions protest against the growth of federal bureaucracy but by removing the legislature from the State House once every other year, it places an added burden on the state bureaucracy. Between the autocratic power of state department heads.

CAN'T JUDGE BIENNIALS UNDER SALTONSTALL RULE

We have had biennial sessions in Massachusetts for six years.

Governor Saltonstall has been chief executive during the life of the first period of biennial sessions

As Governor, Leverett Saltonstall has approached the administrative problems with the purpose of maintaining sound government of the people. Under a less scrupulous Governor, the public interest could be disregarded under the biennial system and ruthless, harsh and self-seeking department heads sanced to key positions by a Governor planning to establish a political monarchy for his own benefit.

Students of government are divided on the value of biennial sessions. Most men who have made a thorough study of the workings of government are favorable to annual sittings and recommend legislative service be a continuous one throughout business of alleviating the grievances of the citizenry.

Advocates of biennials wave the flag of economy before the eyes of the voter. The only economy they mention is the saving of salaries paid legislators — but that has been long wiped out by a 50 per cent increase in pay advocated by proponents of the economy producting biennial system.

There has been a deterrent which is a direct slap at those who rushed to the wailing walls for a 10 cent cut in taxes—and that is that under biennial sessions a two year budget must be approved in one session and surplus funds are allowed for unforeseen expenditures during the months the legislature is not in session.

Service Men's Quiz Corner

Q. If two sons have been lost at the war, may parents request that the only remaining son be sent to the post he requested or transferred out of range of the V. F. bombs?

A. Yes, a request may be made which will be given careful study by War Dept. policy permits for consideration of such requests for transfer of men to the Zone of the Interior Command, Personnel Affairs Officer of Army Service Forces in Boston.

Q. My insider has five insurance and is married, but he gets half to his wife and half to his mother if most it all go to one of the other? T. T., Medford.

A. The soldier may designate HAS mother and wife as beneficiaries if he so desires.

Q. When a man is drafted and has a wife and three children, how will she be able to get along until he gets a check? Will she have to depend on charity? T.T., New Bedford.

A. The soldier should request initial payment of family allowance as soon as he reaches his station. This is released within a few days. He can then send a money order. How the month in which he enters service. The application is made on DD Form 98 of the Soldier's Handbook, second sheet due shortly after date of first payment. All initial payments is received for December, next month is due in January for month of December.

Q. I put $37.50 a month from two sons in the service. If I go to work will I lose my A.M.S.M., Canterbury.

A. You are entitled to the Family Allowance. Your sons are dependent for substantial support on the home. If you work and earn sufficient to move your needs, you will not lose the Government allowances but the Government will not increase it without Government allowance. Any substantial increase in dependency is reported to the office from which your checks are received.

Q. I receive Family Allowance. I enlisted in the Army. We divorced me four months ago and I pay no support now given to my former wife. How long will I receive the checks? I have no children. L.C. Medford.

A. Your checks should have been discontinued on the date of divorce decree, whether the divorce was awarded. The attempt to recover Allowance should be reported to the Office of Dependency Benefits 31 Washington St Newton 5, S. P. O. and certified copy of the divorce decree submitted.

Q. My son was killed in action. He insured me as beneficiary for his insurance and other benefits. He married since then and my daughter-in-law has been receiving the allowance and allotment. Who is entitled to the insurance and other benefits? Mrs. E.M., Newton.

A. No. The son receives gratuity pay as well as COPE of the following order under which gratuity money, without or minor, when there is a lawful widow no minor children and any claims on that pay.

Q. I get $37.50 from my son, who is in the Army. He was got a month a week after he went in in August. Do I still get pay and Family Allowance? Don't they work one a check for both? E.M., Point Allerton.

A. No. Your son's wife received the portion of Family Allowance—$15 is paid to wife and children, any parents dependent on child support — for the months of August. She would not be entitled to another check until October payment for September pay-period. Your son should have told us that you are dependents for substantial support and that you were not listed as dependents for allowance. Write to Washington, Warren Address and Discount of the sponsors voucher allotment check and state that it is for the purpose of making the family and also Address Department of pictures of what the commitment is and what with the same. They recommended that a family commitment should be made and outlined what is being done in money and other ways and terms. The plan encouraged to raise the quota of $1,000,000 in the county of $1,000,000 of the subscript will be published later.

WAR FUND DRIVE

ESCALLATION COMMITTEE DONATES ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS

At the last meeting of the Wilmington Veterans Council, it was voted to donate one hundred dollars to the fund of the American Legion Auxiliary to purchase presents for veterans in the hospitals who are wounded and ill. Every town needs an organization of a necessary but in Grieg Hall Committee The Executive Committee of the veterans council met and decided to donate $100 to the fund for the purchase of the presents for the sick soldiers in the state hospitals.

A meeting was held on Legion Hall on Tuesday night, when plans for the Thanksgiving Day Dinner for veterans in the town were discussed. Mrs. Joseph L. Middleton, chairman of the town committee for the dinner, and Mrs. Harry Hall, chairman of the Women's Auxiliary, were present and discussed the plans for the dinner. The dinner will be held in the Legion Hall on Thursday, November 23rd, the evening of the day of the dinner. The dinner will be served at 6:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Joseph L. Middleton, Mrs. Harry Hall, Mrs. Arthur Cassidy, Mrs. Ralph Hall, Mrs. Arthur Cassidy, Mrs. Ralph Hall, Mrs. Arthur Cassidy, Mrs. Ralph

MRS. ANNIE M. McMAHON

Mrs. Annie M. McMahon, 310 Middlesex avenue, passed away at her home on Saturday, November 4th. following a short illness. She was the wife of the late Peter F. McMahon, who was formerly a retail meat dealer, and/he as well-know in this area. He died sixteen years ago.

She leaves five children, Miss Winifred McMahon, of Wilmington, William of Hartford, Bernard of the United States Navy, Mrs. Mary Greely of Reading, and Mrs. Irene Chisholm, of Wilmington.

The funeral was held fifteen hrs late residence, 310 Middlesex avenue, on Tuesday, November 7th. at 8:00 A. M. At 9:00, a solemn high mass of requiem was celebrated at St. Thomas Church, in this town.

In recognition of more than one year of active military service marked by "exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity" the good conduct medal has been awarded to Pfc. John G Meade, of Tuplin avenue, Middlesex, Mass. It was announced today by the Panama Coast Artillery Command.

Pfc. Meade was cited for "fidelity through faithful performance of duties assigned to his organization through capacity to produce desired results, and behavior which set an example deserve emulation."

A cook on duty with Col. William H. Sweet's harbor defense organization, he has served with the Coast Artillery forces in Panama since February 8, 1943.

His father, William J. Meade, and his brother, Bill Meade, live of the Tuplin avenue address. In civil life, Pfc. Meade was a furniture

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assembler employed by the Imperial Upholstering Co., Lowell, Mass.

Mrs. Herbert Barrows, chairman and Treasurer of the Wilmington Christmas Seal Sale Committee, today announced the other members of the committee who will assist in the 1944 campaign to raise funds to fight tuberculosis.

Those serving on the committee are: Mrs. Gerald Cayon, Miss M. Alice Doucette, Mrs. Carl C. MacCulloch, Mrs. Bryant C. MacDougall, Mrs. Guy E. Nichols, Mrs. Earle C. Willoughby, Miss Miriam Hosmer, M. D.

This year the Christmas Seal Sale will open on November twenty-seventh, the Monday after Thanksgiving.

MISSIONARY MEETING

A semi-annual missionary meeting of the LBS of the Congregational Church was held on Wednesday, November 1st, in the church vestry. A dessert luncheon was served to 17 members. The program was led by Henrietta Swain, with an illustrated candlelight service, with responses by Mrs. Philip Denner.

Three missionary assignments were made and were the Pleasant Hill Academy, Lincoln school and Boston Seaman's Friend society. Miss Mary Swain gave a talk on the work being done by the latter society. After the missionary program, the business session was held and reports of all the branches were made.

A report of the recent harvest supper was given. Mrs. Lauchlin Drew and Mrs. Lucie Hanes were co-chairmen of the supper and they were assisted by members of the East Associates. Plans were completed for the annual fair to be held Nov. 8 and 9 in the church. Mrs. Harold Meimer was appointed chairman of the nominating committee. The December meeting will be hid at the home of Mrs. Harold Meimar on Lake Street.

—Sgt. Alfred Blackburn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Blackburn, of Newland avenue, and Miss Valentine T. Costa, of Cambridge, were united in marriage on Saturday, October 28th, at the Methodist Church parsonage. Sgt. Blackburn has returned to Camp Maxie, Texas. He has served in the Army Engineers for a year.

—The dancing classes sponsored by the parents of the town, will be held on Saturday nights in the town hall, instead of the Orange Hall. Dancing instructions will be held from 8 to 9, followed by general dancing.

—Pvt. Philip H. Denner, Jr. was slightly wounded in action in France on October 20, according to a war department telegram received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Denner, Chestnut St., recently. They also received a letter from their son stating that he was wounded, but that he was getting along all right. Pvt. Denner is a holder of the expert infantryman's medal. He entered the service in July 1943, and received training at Camp Hood, Texas, also at the University of Florida, in the ASTP. When the ASTP was abolished, he was transferred to the infantry at Camp McClain, Miss., and later was sent to England in August of this year.

SHOWER FOR MISS MARIE CONNOLLY

Miss Marie Connolly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Connolly, of Marion street, was the guest of honor at a miscellaneous prenuptial shower on Saturday evening, November 4th, at the home of Miss Cleo O'Brien, on Marion street. Decorations were of pink and blue, with a large wedding bell in the center of the room, and were in charge of Mrs. Thomas Flaherty of Woburn. Friends were present from Westwood, Woburn and Wilmington. The guest of honor was the recipient of many useful gifts. During the evening refreshments were served by the hostess, Miss O'Brien. Miss Connolly will become the bride of Francis Andrews, son of Mrs. John McCusker of Marion street on November 18th.

— Work At Raytheon —

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To the People of Massachusetts:

I was born in North Bridgewater (now Brockton) in 1872, attended public schools in the city and like most Brockton boys gravitated into the shoe manufacturing business.

In 1904, Something Happened in my life Which Led me to Believe that I had a special Work to do, for which I had no desire nor natural ability. This forced me to look to God in Faith for Guidance to Accomplish it. Shortly after, I became seriously ill and during convalescence made a resolution that I would not make a God of money and that I would do Something for the working man. (I did not use then as I do donw the great possibilities of cooperation between capital and the workers.)

I sold my interest in the shoe business and, as my recovery was somewhat slow, my physician recommended a long ocean voyage and accordingly in 1907 I made a tour of the world with a friend. We saw plantation rubber (one of the basic factors which made the automobile possible) growing and I, Providentially I Believe, interested the United States Rubber Company in planting rubber in the Far East and had charge of organizing the work and investing the first $10,000,000 expended by that Company in that enterprise.

Severin my connection with the United States Rubber Company in April, 1910, I soon became interested in wildcatting for oil in Texas on Faith and, after expending all of the Fortune I had taken out of the rubber business our Company discovered oil near Luling in Edwards Lime, a geological formation hitherto unknown to have produced oil in this Country. This Discovery Which I always have attributed to God's Guidance and not to any virtue nor ability of my own. It was developed by the United North and South Oil Company of which I was majority owner, much of stock being owned by citizens of Massachusetts. In 1926, we sold out to Magnolia Petroleum Company, reserving rights below 3,000 feet.

The Massachusetts tax law in 1926, called for a tax of 6 per cent on dividends, but only 2 per cent on capital gain. Massachusetts wanted to tax the profit from the sale of the oil properties as dividend, while the Federal tax on the profits was as capital gain at 2 per cent. This left me with the alternative of remaining on in Massachusetts and thereby becoming liable to pay a tax which I felt was unjust (particularly in its comparison to the Federal tax) or changing my residence to Texas.

From the time of our Discovery of oil near Luling, I felt that it was my duty to become a citizen of Texas where I had been received with that Spirit of friendliness for which the state is noted, but our family roots were deep in Massachusetts, which fact, together with the possession of many life long friends there, made it a difficult question for me to decide. As had been my custom for many years, I looked to God for Guidance and decided that if Massachusetts persisted in her unreasonable demands, God meant that I should become a citizen of Texas, the source of the wealth, while if the rate were 3 per cent that I was to remain in Massachusetts.

As the Massachusetts law provided that I would be subject to the income tax laws of the Commonwealth for the year 1926 IF HIS (MY) DOMICILE remained in Brockton after December 31, 1926," and the Tax Commissioner insisted that I be required to pay a tax on profits a dividend, instead of capital gain as levied by the Federal Government, I decided to change my domicile to Texas, which I immediately did. In leaving, I gave MORE THAN FOUR TIMES THE AMOUNT OF THE TAX TO CHARITABLE PURPOSES IN MY ITABLE PURPOSES IN BROCKTON These bequests certainly were not the act of a tax dodger The steps I took to effect this change of domicile were summarized by Chief Justice Rugg of the Superior Court in the following language:

"The defendant statued to the Mayor of Brockton and to various other people there that he intended to change his domicile to Texas.

After his arrival in Texas the defendant announced to people that he had taken up residence there, wrote to the registrars of voters in Brockton requesting the removal of his name from the voting list and telegraphed to the assessors and to the City Clerk of Brockton and wrote to the Commissioner notifying them that he had become a citizen of Texas and had ceased to be a citizen of Brockton. Notice to the same effect was published in the Brockton Times."

What more could a man of integrity have done to evidence the reality of his change in domicile? If the change in domicile to Luling, Texas, had not been actual in the year 1926, why did not Massachusetts levy a tax on me for the years thereafter? THERE WAS BUT ONE AND ONLY ONE CHANGE IN DOMICILE and it has continued to this day Massachusetts levied a tax on me as though I were a citizen of Massachusetts and filed suit against me as a citizen of Texas in an attempt to collect it. Recognizing that I had acted within my legal and constitutional rights in moving to Texas, they could not file suit for any violation of the law. They were obliged to claim that I had not actually moved when I said I did, thus accusing me in effect of lying and false representation.

At the trial, the former Mayor of Brockton and many citizens of unimpeachable integrity testified on my behalf, and there was no evidence introduced by the Commonwealth to contradict these witnesses nor MY OWN SWORN STATEMENT that I had changed my domicile. However the Commonwealth counsel represented to the jury that I was a rich man trying to evade just taxes. The sole question put to the jury was: "Did the defendant, Edgar B Davis, change his domicile from Brockton, Massachusetts, to Luling, Texas, in fact?" The jury answered, "No."

Justice Rugg of the Superior Court, in reviewing the case, upheld the jury findings. One of his grounds was: "It is familiar law that a jury is not obliged to believe UNCONTRADICTED TESTIMONY if on the whole they find it not credible from the appearance of the witness." Justice Rugg further said "The very elaborateness of his (my) formal public announcements on the subject, all might have been regarded as negativing, or at least failing to prove a change of domicile" in other words, JUSTICE RUGG WAS COMPLAINING NOT THAT I HAD TAKEN NO STEPS TO CHANGE MY DOMICILE, BUT THAT I HAD TAKEN TOO MANY!

The Commonwealth secured a judgment in its courts on the grounds that I was a citien of Massachusetts, and not of Texas, and yet it turned right around and recognized me as a citizen of Texas by filing suit in the Texas courts in an endeavor to collect the Massachusetts judgment. Though a Texas jury shared my feeling that an injustice had been done by rendering a verdict had been done by rendering a verdict in favor, this verdict was reversed on technicalities by the higher courts, and the judgment of Massachusetts upheld on the "full faith and credit" clause of the Constitution.

On April 24, 1928, the Tax Commissioner of Massachusetts offered to make the tax 3 per cent, but it was too late for it had become a matter of Faith in God and following that Faith I already had become a citizen of Texas.

Then, on March 23, 1934, the Commonwealth issued a restraining order for the four corporations I had organized under the laws of Massachusetts, namely. The avis House, Inc., A Houat on the Sand, Inc., The Plymouth County evelopmeny Company, and The Pilgrim Foundation, making the monstrous charge that THESE CORPORATIONS WERE MADE TO EVADE TAXES. The statements in this restraining order were malicious, damaging and untrue. As a matter of fact, after all the corporations had been formed and the contributions to Massachusetts made, I still was in a very strong financial position.

The Davi Housey Inc., was formed to segregate the home of my parents from the rest of my estate; A house on the Sand, Inc., for a summer residence for my family and myself; and The Plymouth Deerlapment Company for an experiment for the benefit of the worker of Brockton in line with my early resolve; The Pilgrim Foundation was formed purely for charitable purposes with particular reference to the sick and unemployed. In the presence of members of my family, a number of friends, and with both

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A regular meeting of the Boy Scouts was held Friday evening, November 3rd, in the high school gymnasium, opened by Gordon Balcom, senior patrol leader. Inspection was held by the officers. A board of review was conducted by George Kambour, and games were played. A court of honor was held with Scoutmaster Herbert Higginbotham and Assistant Scoutmaster Raymond Wood in charge. Refreshments were served, and the meeting was closed by Gordon Balcom.

—The first in a series of four whist parties was held Tuesday evening, November 7th, at the West Wilmington Community clubhouse on Edwards street. The parties will be in charge of Mrs. Louis Kleyman, assisted by Mrs. Frederick Kleyman, Mrs. Reginald Burns and Mrs. William Townsend.

—Due to the election, the regular meeting of the East Wilmington Improvement Association, scheduled to be held on Tuesday evening, November 7th, has been postponed to Tuesday evening, November 14th.

MINOR BREAKS

Mrs. Sarno of Kendall street reported to the police that her camp was broken into and several articles were strewn about the floor. Tools were stolen. Entrance was gained by breaking a window. The camp of Harry Ingalls on Salem street was reported to the police as being broken into and the pump in the kitchen broken. The police are investigating.

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